

**WILLIAM M. DAVIES, JR. CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**50 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, RI 02865**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Monday April 10, 2006

***I. Routine***

A. **Call Meeting to Order**

At 5:15 pm, Mr. Ferdinandi, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

B. **Roll Call of the Board**

Davies' Executive Assistant called the roll of the Board.

**Members Present:** Richard Beaupre; V. Michael Ferdinandi, *Chairperson*; Carolyn Kyle; Michael Marra; Dr. James Segovis, *Vice-Chairperson*; Harvey Simms  
Robin Smith

**Members Absent:** James Bone; Larry Gemma; John Gregory; Robert Halkyard;  
Deborah Lopes; Lornette Uthman

**Others Present:** Victoria A. Gailliard, Joanne Andrews, Cheryl Carroll, Judy Valentine,  
Bernie Blumenthal, Vicki Phelps, Adrienne Noelte

C. **Approval of Minutes** – March 13, 2006, Regular Session Minutes

*A motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting was made by Mr. Marra, Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*

D. **Opportunity for Audience to Comment**

None were made.

E. **Recess to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues**

Executive Session was deferred to the end of the agenda.

F. **Return to Regular Session**

Did not recess out of Regular Session at this point on the agenda.

***II. Business Agenda***

**Finance Report**

This report was deferred to Executive Session at the end of the agenda.

B. **Human Resources Report**

This report was deferred to Executive Session at the end of the agenda.

### ***III. Informational Time/Program Updates***

#### **A. Director's Report**

##### **1) Teachers' Association**

Adrienne Noelte, newly elected vice president, introduced herself to the Board.

##### **2) Teacher Assistants' Association**

There was no representative at this meeting.

##### **3) SkillsUSA—State Competition—Ms. Gailliard, Director**

Ms. Gailliard gave a quick overview of the state competition results and once again Davies did wonderfully. We won a total of 34 medals: 11 gold, 9 silver, and 14 bronze. The number of gold medals appears to be high because one competition involved a team of students.

The gold medals are from the following areas: Collision Repair, Electronics Applications, Job Interview, Nail Care, Model Technical Computers, Advertising Design, Basic Healthcare, Precision Machine, Cosmetology, Health Portfolio. The 11 gold medal winners, the student who is a state officer, Mr. Suggs, and five other teachers will be going to Kansas for the national competitions from June 18 – 21st. Last year we won two silver medals, the best of the best.

##### **4) 06-07 9th Grade Admissions—Ms. Gailliard, Director**

675 students took the admissions exam and 450 qualified for admission into the 9th grade. Of those, 211 were from Pawtucket and 52 from Central Falls. The lottery was held for those two districts on March 31st. The total number accepted into the 9th grade in September is 230. There is a waiting list of 118 (100-Pawtucket/18-Central Falls). All the qualified students applying to Davies from Lincoln, Smithfield, and North Providence get in because the numbers do not exceed their quotas.

##### **5) Professional Development Day-May 3, 2006—Ms. Gailliard, Director**

This PDD coincides with National Teachers' Appreciation Week. During this week, we celebrate teachers as educators, the great people that are working with all of the children. The Management Team serves them a luncheon and we give them a gift. Ms. Gailliard believes that if you are in education, it is a mission; it's not a job. Our teachers have surely showed that to us.

There will be three workshops: Proficiency-based Graduation Requirements; the English Department's rubrics for writing, oral presentation and reviewing MLA writing \_\_\_\_; and Nettleker, a Library on-line resource.

##### **6) Business Partnership Breakfast—May 11, 2006—Mr. Blumenthal,**

Education/Business Partnership Coordinator

On May 11th, from 8:30-9:30, we are recognizing those businesses that have worked hard in developing a wonderful mentoring program with our students in work-based learning. It is an annual recognition breakfast when we will honor them with certificates and also award two Businesses of the Year with

plaques and Governor citations. We will also recognize those students who work with those businesses with certificates. It is a wonderful opportunity to thank those involved for the great work they do.

We are looking for two trustees to join us that morning to hand out the award certificates. Invitations have been sent out to the trustees. Dr. Segovis said he will be there and Mr. Beaupre will try to make it.

#### 7) Other

—Patriot Newsletter-April 2006 Edition

The focus of this edition is work-based learning and the opportunities our students have with our business partners: co-op placements, internships, job shadowing. The newsletter ties in nicely with the Business Partnership Breakfast.

—Parent Council is coming alone. It's not what Ms. Gailliard wants it to be. There aren't as many parents as she would like. It is very difficult to get parents involved at the high school level. There is a group of staff members that are working very hard in getting them involved and keeping them in touch with what is going on in the school. Ms. Valentine did a power point presentation on literacy at the last parent council meeting.

—The Rhode Island Builders Association published an article on two of our students in the Electrical Program: Cote Laflamme and Tephany Malone written by Mr. Blumenthal, "Successful Students Mean Successful Employees!"

—Ms. Gailliard introduced Mr. Harvey Simms, President of the Associated Builders and Contractors of RI. She and the Board welcomed him to the Board.

—There was a statewide poetry contest on Friday, April 7th, and our student, Kristopher Aponte, won the competition. His winnings include \$500.00 worth of books for the Library, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete at the national level along with \$200.00 spending money. Ms. Gailliard feels this is wonderful; it is the first time a Davies student has won anything like this. The second runner-up student was a Davies student as well, William Remy. The two teachers who work with our RISD program, Bev Lembo and Carlotta Kelley, took the time to get our kids involved with the poetry with a member of the Council of the Arts. He came in, gave some presentations, went over poetry with them, and decided to enter our students into the competition. Come September, this gentleman will do an after-school program and tie it into our literacy program.

—Ms. Gailliard took this time to acknowledge one of our Board members because she is very, very grateful to him for working with us during contract negotiations. To her, he is a mentor with a lot of insight on the changes in education and what it takes to make those changes successful. She has a high regard for him and she has an article that she suggests people to read in the Bryant Business, highlighting Dr. Segovis. Copies will be made for those who would like one. She publicly thanked Dr. Segovis for all the hard work

and time he spent with her this summer during the negotiations, and when you read this article, you will understand why she feels the way she does toward him. Dr. Segovis thanked Ms. Gailliard for her kind words and he can't say he is looking forward to doing it again.

—Mr. Ferdinandi asked about the status on the other career and technical schools the General Assembly is looking to develop using the Davies model. At the last Finance hearings with Rep. Constantino and Crowley, the Governor allocated \$300,000 to do a study and the money was taken off the table. She understands RIDE wants that money put back on the table and that is where it is at this point. C & T education wasn't part of RIDE's budget this year and it kind of set off some fireworks.

They are looking at career and tech a lot better than they used and Ms. Galliard feels it has to do with what we have done here with the teachers and the students in the academic areas as well as the technical areas. There is our exposure through the media especially when we achieved the "high performing and improving" status. There are a few politicians that are interested in career and technical education and they are looking at Davies as the model. This is probably pushing RIDE to change their perception of career and technical education and making sure the students have this as another opportunity more so than now, which is at about 5500 students who are involved in some sort of career and technical education.

The \$300,000 was for a program approval process that every technical program for Perkins funding would have to apply to get state certified. The second piece is the legislators wanted to look at 2-3 sites for the Davies type model located in Providence and western RI, and a 4th for the Met type model located on Aquidneck Island. This may or may not play out, but there are some tech centers the legislators were not happy with.

#### *IV. Back to Routine*

A. **Recess to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues**

*At 5:40 pm, Dr. Segovis made a motion to recess into Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

B. **Return to Regular Session**

*At 6:25 pm, Dr. Segovis made a motion to return to regular session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Marra seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

*Dr. Segovis made a motion to keep the minutes of the Executive Session confidential; Mr. Simms seconded the motion, all were in favor.*

#### *V. Adjournment:*

*At 6:27 p.m., Mr. Ferdinandi made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.*

#### *VI. Next Meeting* Monday, May 8, 2006